

REMARKS

The amendment filed August 20, 2008, was a *bona fide* complete response to the Office Action mailed March 20, 2008. Consequent to a telephone interview between the undersigned counsel and the Examiner on September 10, 2008, applicant submits herewith the present Supplemental Amendment. The claim amendments are shown relative to the claims as presented in the August 20, 2008, response.

Summary of Amendments

Applicant has amended the specification to include a Cross-Reference to Related Applications section. Applicant has also amended Claims 1, 12, 33, and 40, and added new Claims 47 and 48. Support for the new claims is found in the application as filed, including, for example, page 4, lines 8-17 and line 29, to page 5, line 7, as well as page 48, line 11, to page 50, line 6.

Claims 1-5, 7-16, 18-33, 35-40, and 42-48 are thus pending in the application.

Interview Summary

In a telephone discussion on September 10, 2008, the undersigned counsel and the Examiner discussed certain clarifications to Claims 1, 12, 33, and 40, which are included in the present amendment. These amendments are not intended to narrow the scope of the claims but rather to improve the readability of the claims.

The undersigned counsel also indicated applicant's interest in adding a claim written in means plus function form, which is included in the present amendment as new Claim 47. Applicant has further added new Claim 48 which is directed to a method of trading using a computer.

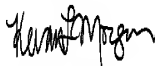
CONCLUSION

All claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. In particular, the patentability of the claims over Lupien, Jain, and Tilfors was discussed in detail in applicant's August 20, 2008, response. New Claim 47 is patentable over the prior art for at least the same reasons as Claim 1, and new Claim 48 is patentable over the prior art for at least the same reasons as Claim 12.

Issuance of a notice of allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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